

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 9-13 and 16-22 are pending, with Claims 1-8, 14, 15, 23 and 24 canceled by the present amendment.

In the Official Action, Claims 1-6 were objected to; Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101; Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Yamada et al. (U.S. Patent 6,931,200); Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Tsumugari et al. (U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0076202); Claims 1-4, 14-15 and 23-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Yamamoto et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,308,006); Claims 7-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Tsutsui (U.S. Patent No. 6,049,571); and Claims 9-13 and 16-24 were allowed.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

Applicants request acknowledgement of the IDS filed on June 7, 2004. A copy of Applicants' originally filed IDS and filing receipt are attached hereto.

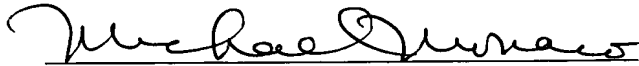
Claims 1-8, 14, 15, 23 and 24 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuation applications directed to the subject matter recited in Applicants' canceled claims.

Accordingly, in view of the present Amendment and in light of the previous discussion, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request an early and favorable action to that effect.

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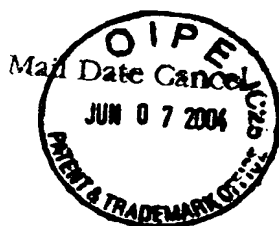
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For: MULTI-STANDARD INFORMATION MIXED  
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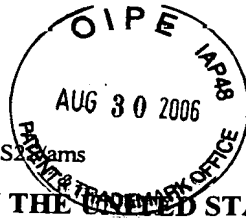
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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Kazuhiko TAIRA, et al.

SERIAL NO: 09/944,374

GAU: 2188

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EXAMINER:

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- ☐ A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

**RELATED CASES**

- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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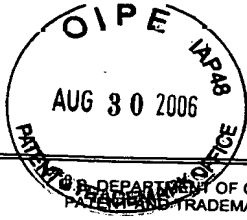
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